

Congressman LARRY COMBEST

*Welcomes you to
Washington, D.C.*

Spring and Summer Schedule

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Getting around Washington can be easy if you use the Metro subway system or the National Parks Service Tourmobile. I have included fee information, schedules and route maps in your information packet. If you prefer to walk, you will find many of the monuments and major places of interest located in proximity to one another.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY is open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily from April through October. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, the changing of the guard occurs every half hour during the summer. Tour the Custis-Lee Mansion home of Robert E. Lee and visit the grave of President John F. Kennedy, as well as the monument to the Space Shuttle Challenger astronauts -- all set among the solemn beauty of the final resting place for America's patriots, from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm's Gulf War.

BOTANIC GARDEN houses varieties from the deserts to the tropics, each in their own climate-controlled areas. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. southwest of the Capitol grounds.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING (U.S. MINT) at 14th and C. Streets, S.W. hosts free 25-minute tours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

THE CAPITOL provides its citizens with a firsthand view of legislation as it is presented in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Come by my office for passes to watch the proceedings from both House and Senate Galleries. Much of the Capitol and its architecture and artwork is open to the public. Guided tours begin in the great Rotunda, which can be entered from the center steps on the East side.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION tours start behind the FBI building on E Street between 9th and 10th Streets, N.W. every 20 minutes on weekdays from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Groups of 15 or more must call (202) FBI-3447 for reservations.

FORD'S THEATER AND LINCOLN MUSEUM provide the theater setting and the presidential box as it appeared the night of Lincoln's assassination. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 511 10th Street, N.W., except during afternoon matinees. Phone (202) 426-6924

KENNEDY CENTER tours begin at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily at New Hampshire Avenue at F Street, N.W.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS conducts tours of their facilities and a view of the famous Main Reading Room at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. **Free, timed tickets must be obtained** beginning at 11 a.m. from the Jefferson Building Library information desk on the day that you tour. Enter through the front door of the Jefferson Building, across the street from the U.S. Capitol on First Street, S.E.

MEMORIALS and MONUMENTS honoring past presidents and historical events are on the west half of the National Mall and open daily 8 a.m. to midnight, unless noted.

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL at the south bank of the Tidal Basin is surrounded by Cherry Tree Blossoms in early Spring.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL design of 19 realistic sculptures of ground troops seen just emerging from the woods at the west end of the Mall highlights this newest of memorials that incorporates faces of support troops etched into a granite mural wall and a Pool of Remembrance to the wounded, killed and Missing in Action.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL is at the far west end of the National Mall.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL (“The Wall”) honors the 58,196 American military men and women who served, but did not return. Located northeast of the Lincoln Memorial.

VIETNAM WOMEN’S MEMORIAL honors the 265,000 American women who served during the Vietnam War, and faces The Wall. The bronze statue of three military women caring for a wounded soldier was sculpted by former Lubbock resident Glenna Goodacre.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT opens daily during spring and summer from 8 a.m. to Midnight. Beginning April 7, entrance to the monument requires a **free** timed-entry ticket available at the Park Service kiosk on 15th Street, east of the Monument.

NATIONAL ZOO is open daily beginning during summer from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the 3000 block of Connecticut Avenue N.W. (three-tenths of a mile walk from the Woodley Park-Zoo Metro station).

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS include 9 on the National Mall, almost all of which are open daily (except Christmas Day) from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some museums have extended hours during the summer.

NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM exhibits milestones in flight from the Wright Brothers’ airplane and Lindbergh’s Spirit of St. Louis to Apollo and Voyager spacecraft. Tickets are sold in the museum for the Einstein Planetarium and the Langley Theater’s five-story IMAX screen.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART collection of 6,000 items includes objects in wood, metal, fired clay, ivory and fiber.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY is clearly what people were thinking of when they described the Smithsonian Museum as “the nation’s attic.” Two centuries of American inventions and historic artifacts are on display, most notably the original Star Spangled Banner.

ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING houses the 1876 Centennial Exhibition, 19th Century tools and machinery, from the everyday to the extraordinary.

FREER GALLERY OF ART displays Asian as well as American art in facilities that now connect with the Smithsonian’s other museum of Asian art, the Sackler Gallery.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART contains one of the world’s finest collections of famous European and American paintings and sculptures in its main building, and modern artworks in the adjoining East Building.

HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN focuses on new pieces of art while its dawn-to-dusk garden features large sculptures.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM uses computers, video and artifacts to present the history of Nazi actions and concentration camps in Europe from 1933 to 1945. Although the Holocaust Museum does not rely on explicit photos to tell its story, there are graphic images that may not be appropriate for younger children. Parents of children under 11 years of age may find the first floor “Daniel’s Story” exhibit more appropriate. Located east of the Tidal Basin. Best time to visit: mid-afternoon. Phone: (202) 488-0400

INTERNATIONAL GALLERY on the third level of the underground Ripley Center focuses exhibits on world cultures and rituals.

NAT’L MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY has dinosaurs to diamonds.

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM is located off of the Mall, near Union Station at First Street and Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. More than just a stamp collection, the Postal Museum’s interactive displays challenge your skills at creating postal routes or moving mailbags across country in the 1850’s.

SACKLER GALLERY displays Chinese jades and bronzes, ancient Iranian silver, Persian manuscripts and modern Japanese prints.

SMITHSONIAN CASTLE is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with orientation theaters, interactive touch-screen programs help you find the Smithsonian exhibits you want to see.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES is the secure home for the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. Open in summer from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 8th Street, N.W. and Constitution Avenue.

SUPREME COURT BUILDING northeast of the U.S. Capitol opens its courtroom to public lectures each half-hour on weekdays (except federal holidays) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. During oral arguments, seating is first-come, first-served.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT tours featuring real and counterfeit money are conducted weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except federal holidays). A visitors’ center is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Located directly east of the White House.

WHITE HOUSE opens Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon for public tours, except during official events and federal holidays. Call (202) 456-7041 to confirm the latest schedule. Free tickets must first be obtained at the Visitor Pavilion on the Ellipse behind the White House as early as 8 a.m. on the day of your tour.